

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **103 FIRE**

TUCSON, AZ (May 28, 2006) 11:30 a.m. - - - On Saturday afternoon, May 27, at 3:30 a fire was reported burning on Forest Service land near One Hundred Three Mesa on the west side of Coronado National Memorial. Driven by heavy winds from the southwest, the fire crossed Montezuma Pass Rd, forcing the closure of the road. Coronado National Memorial was also closed and Park Service personnel evacuated.

As of Sunday morning, the fire had burned 1000 acres, into Montezuma Canyon and the upper head of Ash Canyon. Preliminary contacts are being conducted by the Cochise County Sheriff's Dept., warning residents of Ash Canyon of the possibility of evacuation, although no such procedure is planned at this time.

Current resources are 10 Hot Shot crews, two heavy air tankers, 3 SEATs, 2 helitankers, one Type 2 and one Type 3 helicopters, 2 lead planes and 2 air attack planes. On the ground are 20 engines and 4 large water tenders. Because Parker Canyon Lake is being used as a water dip site, the lake has been closed to fishing as a safety precaution.

A Type 2 team (Raley) has been ordered and will assume command of the 103 Fire this afternoon.

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